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[Despatch Abstract.]

Post War Development - Fisheries - Policy Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries - Recommendations of the Fish Sub-Committee - Papers Recorded.

No.F.7-21/45-P
Government of India,
Department of Health, Education and Lands
New Delhi, the 16/17th May, 1945.

From

Prem Krishna Esq., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

All Provincial Governments.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Report of the Fish Sub-Committee of the Policy Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries relating to the development of fish resources of the country together with a copy of a resolution passed by the Policy Committee at its second meeting.

2. The recommendations, in so far as they concern the Central Government are under consideration and the decisions arrived at will be communicated to the Provincial Government in due course.

3. In the meantime it is hoped that the Provincial Government will examine the portions of the resolution and the report which concern it and take suitable action both as regards the immediate future and the post-war period. Intimation of the action taken on each of the recommendations made in the resolution may please be sent to the Government of India by the 31st December 1945.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/ Prem Krishen,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt.
of India.

RESOLUTION ON ITEM NO. III.

(1) The Committee places on record its appreciation of the very useful and important report of the Sub-Committee appointed to suggest how the production of fish can be increased.

(2) The Committee recommends that:

(i) The Central Government should help in the development of fisheries by inter alia:-

(a) establishing at an early date an Indian Central fish Committee for fostering the development of Fisheries and placing at its disposal such capi and recurring grants as may be found necessary after investigation;

(b) setting up as soon as possible a Central Fishery Research Institute with the necessary number of ~~static~~ sub-stations, research vessels and development units;

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(c) ensuring that the waterways Board gives due consideration to the need for fish conservation and the prevention of river pollution;

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(d) arranging for early training of technical staff;
(e) undertaking surveys of marine fishery resources; ~~maintain adequate staff for~~

(ii) Provincial and State Governments should survey their inland and estuarine fishery resources, maintain adequate staff for fisheries and help in developing their fisheries by inter alia:--

(a) establishing research stations for dealing with local problems;

(b) increasing and ensuring harbour facilities where required

(c) establishing fish curing yards where necessary;
(d) arranging for the supply of pure salt and other requirements of fishermen at concession rates;
(e) helping in supplying fishing boats, nests, ice, power launches etc. for increasing fish production;
(f) arranging for the supply of credit and marketing facilities, organizing co-operative societies where possible;
(g) establishing hatcheries, nursery and demonstration tanks and supplying fry and fingerlings at concession rates, and
(h) improving the methods of extraction of shark-liver oil and the manufacture of fish meals, manures etc.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department

Letter No.31353-P. & D.II/45-7.

From

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Agriculture.
NEW DELHI

Dated Fort St. George the 5th August, 1946.

Sir,

POST WAR DEVELOPMENT - Fisheries - Policy Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries - Report of the Fish Sub-Committee - Resolutions.

Your letter No.F.7-21/45-2, dated 19th May 1945

With reference to para 3 of your letter cited, I am directed to state that this Government have examined the resolutions and the report of the Policy Committee. The action so far taken or proposed to be taken on each of the recommendations concerning the Provincial Government are explained below:--

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(a) Establishing research stations for dealing with local problems:

There are two marine Biological stations in Madras, one at West Hill and the other at Krusadai. These two stations cannot do justice to the problems affecting a coast-line of over 1,400 miles long. Proposals for the establishment of two more Marine Biological Stations, one at Madras and the other at Vizagapatam, and for additional staff and equipment for the existing biological stations and for the purchase of four fully equipped motor vessels to serve as floating laboratories for each of the four marine biological stations, are under consideration of this Government. There is a fresh water Biological Research Station at Chetput, under an Assistant Director of Fisheries (Fresh Water Research) and several inland field observation centres at Mettur, Sunkusula, Ootacamund etc. which are under the Regional Assistant Directors. The question of providing additional facilities at some of these centres like Sunkesala is under examination. A Hydrological Division (Physico-Chemical) attached to the Biological Station, Madras has been opened and a Phytological division is under formation. A statistical unit is also attached to the French Fresh Water Research Station and the question of expanding the unit is under consideration of this Government. The Director of Industries and Commerce has submitted proposals for the scientific development and exploitation of riverine fisheries in the three large rivers (viz. Godavari, the Krishna and the Cauvery) and in the minor rivers in this Province, and these are under the consideration of this Government. This Government have already sanctioned the appointment of a Fishery Research Officer with necessary staff under him for conducting a detailed scientific study of Hilsa Fisheries in this Province with the object of preventing their destructive exploitation. To tackle the Fishery Engineering problems that may arise from time to time, a Fisheries Engineer has also been appointed.

(b) Increasing and ensuring harbour facilities where required:

The question of providing facilities at the ports for the use of power-driven fishing craft and for landing of fresh fish and its storage in cold stores within port limits is being considered by this Government.

(c) Establishing fish curing yards where necessary:

There are at present 114 fish curing yards both on the East and West coasts of this Presidency. Proposals for the opening of fish curing yards at Kozhur and Agathi Islands are under consideration of this Government. Scheme No.156 in the five year plan of this Government contemplates the opening of seventeen more fish curing yards and also improving the existing ones.

(d) Arranging for the supply of pure salt and other requirements of fishermen at concession rates:

Duty free salt is supplied to the fish curers at the various fish curing yards and care is taken to supply as far as possible, white salt. Hooks and yarn are supplied to fishermen at seventy-five percent of the cost price and proposals to increase such supplies are under consideration.

(e) Helping in supplying fishing boats, nets, ice, power launches etc. for increasing fish production:

For designing improved craft and tackle for inland fishing and for deep sea fishing, the Government have sanctioned the appointment of two special officers in the cadre of Assistant Directors of Fisheries. The immediate and

and very urgent need of fishermen in the East Coast is the supply of catamaran logs. The logs are not available in sufficient quantities in the Madras forests. Hence the this Government addressed the Government of India to move the Ceylon Government to permit the import of catamaran logs from Ceylon to this Province. The Government of Ceylon have replied that the export of logs for fishing craft from sources other than Crown lands will be allowed in future. Steps are also being taken to grow the Wood required for catamaran logs in the Madras Forests.

The Government have sanctioned the purchase, installation and maintenance of two units of ice-making and ~~refri~~gera quick-freezing plants with cold stores and refrigerated motor lorries. One of these units will be installed at Mangalore and the other at Tuticorin. These units will be able to supply the ice required by fishermen in the areas of their location. The question of taking over ice factories and cold stores belonging to defence services in certain parts of this Province is also under the consideration of this Government.

The fisheries Department of this Province is arranging to obtain power boats for use in deep sea fishing operations and this will afford all facilities to fishermen who want to go in for power launches.

(f) Arranging for the supply of credit and marketing facilities, organizing co-operative societies where possible:

There are at present 115 fishermen co-operative societies in this Province of which sixty are on the West Coast and the rest in the other districts of the Province. The Government sanctioned the appointment of a co;operative sub-registrar and a Junior Inspector of co-operative societies to assist the fishermen on the West Coast on the fillowing lines of development:-

(1) Joint sale of x fish by each society on behalf of its members,

(2) Joint purchase and supply of members' requirements by each society,

(3) Introduction of thrift by the extension of the system of Hundi boxes in the societies and by the compulsory collection of one pie per seer of salt supplied to members at the x fish curing yards and six pies in the rupee when joint sale of fish is effected,

(4) introduction of the controlled credit system by which loans to members are to be recovered out of sale proceeds of their fish or out of the cess on the salt supplied to them at fish curing yards,

(5) Affiliation of the societies to the Madras Handloom Weavers' Provincial Co-operative Society so that they may obtain controlled yarn at the controlled rates for the manufacture of nets; and

(6) the ~~Amerie~~ introduction of subsidiary occupation such as poultry keeping etc. to augment the income of the members.

The question of development of fishermen co-operative societies on the East Coast also is under the consideration of this Government.

Proposals for the appointment of a fishery marketing officer, in the grade of a Deputy Director of Fisheries to be in charge of all marketing work relating to Marine, inland

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and technological sections are under the consideration of this Government. This officer will attend to the sound distribution of the commodity by arranging the necessary transport facilities by road, rail and water-ways, popularising new products, maintaining a healthy standard of quality and price and promoting the general interest of fish trade. This Government have also under consideration the question of appointing four fishery welfare officers, three for ~~xxxxfishing~~ sea-fisheries and the other for inland fisheries to attend to the work of ameliorating the conditions of fisher-folk in the Presidency.

(g) Establishing hatcheries nursery and demonstration tank and supply of fry and fingerlings at concession rates:

Systematic survey of all the inland waters of this Province including estuaries and back-waters is under way, and this work is undertaken by the Rural Fishery Demonstration units and other Regional Officers of the Inland Fisheries. Proposals for the expansion of this work and for utilizing all cultivable ~~pieces~~ of ~~land~~ waters in this Presidency are now under the consideration of this Government. The Government have also sanctioned the employment of a Research Assistant to attend to important items of estuarine research relating to certain fishes.

(h) Improving the methods of extraction of shark liver oil and the manufacture of fish meals, manures etc.

The Government Oil Factory, Calicut attends to the work relating to shark liver oil. The Special Officer

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(Fish Manure Industry) has been conducting experiments and is chalking out definite schemes for improving the manufacture of fish meals, manures etc. The Government have sanctioned the establishment of four demonstration factories at four centres in the districts of South Kanara, Malabar, Tirunelvely and Tanjore, in order to investigate the possibilities of manufacture of fish manure on a small scale and to demonstrate the economic possibilities of such manufacture in the West and East Coasts.

Your Obedient Servant,

Sd/
Secretary to Government.

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Development Department.

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